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The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

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THE JOY OF LOVE

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

A NEW YEAR! I hope you remembered that school starts tomorrow! I can't wait!

- Latchkey opens at 6:45. Drive through the main lot and drop off at the cafeteria door. Students play in the gym till 7:50 when the bell rings to head to homerooms.
- Buses start arriving at 7:30. The drive-through lot is chained off. Students head to the cafeteria for supervision. Bell rings at 7:50 and we head to homerooms.
- Pre-School and Pre-K have an open house but we are here all day. We will need an early lunch count.
- All-School assembly at 8:10 for Grades K-8 in the gym.

DAY 2 That is Wednesday. Please remember there is no afternoon bus available during the year on Wednesday. We use the full day. You will have to make arrangements for pick-up or use Latchkey on Wednesdays.

MANY THANKS for a great Open House for the new students yesterday! President Teresa Dorlac and the Development Committee and the Board made me so proud! If you don't feel welcomed, give me a call and WE make you feel at home! Thanks to all our mentor families who shared your stories and tried to explain Kishspeak!

SATURDAY'S WORK DAY We moved mountains last Saturday along with weeds, desks, equipment and mulch. We worked hard but I think we all felt we accomplished so much! Thanks to Mark and Brenda Altadonna, Amy and Tim Meyer, Donna and Rich Buck, Mike and Karen Weiler, Don Happy, Denis Ling, Jeanne Kish, Beth Carrow, Vince Daabs, Chris Neumann, and our Chief Mike Whelan!

- **HELP NEEDED FOR PRE-K.** Tuesday and Thursday each week. Contact Mr. Kish at mkish@icsmail.org.
- **BACK-UP NEEDED for LATCHKEY.** Contact Mr. Kish at mkish@icsmail.org. Thanks!

INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING The next **CP training will be held on August 15th from 6-8 p.m. in the K of C room at our Church.** The Child Protection Refresher Course is now available online. You can either print and turn in your certificate of completion to Stan Osterhage or email your certificate from the site to him at soster@htc.net. Anyone who wishes to volunteer at school or church when there are children present, must be in compliance with the Diocesan child protection policy which includes taking the initial Child Protection Course. Information on times and locations that the course is being conducted elsewhere is on the diocesan website: http://diobelle.org/bout_db.aspx

THANKS to the Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation for a \$3000 donation for underwriting last year's and this year's school musical. Dorothy loved the arts and we love her!

Thanks to Aunt Pearl Mueller for a donation of \$2000 towards our 30 new chrome books we needed for our RobotICS program. Everybody ought to have an Aunt Pearl! She has been a quiet supporter for so many years!(printed without permission)

OUR SCHOOL YEAR THEME, THE JOY OF LOVE, words and music by Karen Lundy and put into prayer in motion by MaryBeth Babcock and the Class of 2017 is **now on the website.** Hit it several times and learn it. We will use it for our first All-School Liturgy next Thursday. Thanks Mrs. Lundy and Mrs. Babcock! We are blessed to have you on staff!

CONDOLEN CES to my brother Dennis and all the Kish and Barcheck families on the passing of **Nancy Kish** Sunday morning at 5:15 am. Nancy was bedridden 24 years with MS and spent about the last 10 years here at Columbia Rehab/Legacy Place. *Happy the wife of a good husband.* Dennis visited her every day and spoiled her as best he could. Her remains were donated to St. Louis University Hospital to advance the study of MS. May she rest in peace and God be with Dennis and his family.

PRAYERS: Barb Winschel, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, Dan Whelan, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Josh Ritter, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Mary Giovanni, tom Giovanni, Denise Conner, Kevin Diehl, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, **Special Intention**

Come Holy Spirit and help us have a year full of mercy and the joy of love!

Sincerely,

Mike Kish

Principal